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French Patent No. FR 2 682 589: The present invention relates to a trochlear element (1) for a femoral/knee ball prosthesis, comprising a toric lower part (2) capable of adopting the articular surface of the patella (3), or of a prosthetic patellar disc (3a) replacing this articular surface, the said trochlear element (1) being characterised, on the one hand, in that the said toric lower part (2) is extended upwards by a substantially flat anterosuperior appendage (4) which matches the upper part of the natural trochlea and, on the other hand, in that the said toric lower part (2) is extended, in its equatorial plane, by a tab (5) which is closed upwards to be attached at the top of the intercondyloid notch (6), under the lower face of the femur.

French Patent No. FR 2 521 421: This prosthesis essentially has a trochlea element (11) shaped like a sector of a circular ring segment which is fixed in place of and at the site of the damaged trochlea (6) located between the condyles and which presents a circular support surface to the knee-cap (5) of convex longitudinal section and concave cross-section, the sector extending through an arched angle (13) between 60 and 190 DEG, whereas the segment is assymetrical relative to the equatorial plane (12) of the circular ring, such that one of its edges, which corresponds to the lateral edge of the trochlea (6), is further remote from this equatorial plane than the opposite, other edge which corresponds to the medial edge of the trochlea (6).

German Patent No. DE 3 917 285: A shoulder prosthesis replaces the condyle (12) of the upper arm bone (10) and the acetabulum of the shoulder blade by a cup (40). The condyle (12) is made of Ti or of a Ti alloy and the element (40) is made of plastic material, pref. RCH100 CHIRULEN (RTM). The part-spherical contact surface (18) of the condyle is matched to the contact face (42) of the acetabulum. The bolt element (16) has a blind hole (26) with a female thread (28) for the bolt (30) with head (32). The opening angle of the surface (42) from the centre of curvature (20) is max. 180 deg. Both elements (12, 14), the bolt (30, 32), the sleeve (34) and the studs (46) are coated with a ceramic bone substitute, pref. hydroxyl apatite. ADVANTAGE - This shoulder prosthesis resembles the Oxford knee prosthesis in its function; it corresponds to the movements of the natural shoulder and simplifies the implantation.

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Foreign Patent Documents

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